

REMARKS

Claims 34-73 are pending in the present application. Claims 68-73 have been added as a result of this Response. Claims 34, 47, 51, 54, 55, and 62 are independent claims.

The Examiner has indicated that the present invention includes two patentably distinct inventions, including the Group I invention, including claims 34-54 and 62-67 drawn to a transducer assembly and subassembly, classified in class 361, subclass 52 and A Group II invention, including claims 55-61 drawn to a method of assembling an assembly, classified in class 29, subclass 602.1.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the Group I invention, including claims 34-54 and 62-67. Applicants further reserve the right to file a divisional application on claims 55-61.

The Examiner further asserts that the present application contains claims directed to the patentably distinct species, represented by species 1-3, illustrated in Figures 8-10, respectively. Applicants respectfully assert that the inventions illustrated in Figures 8-10 are not species of the general invention, but rather represent sub-species of one particular embodiment.

In any event, with respect to the election of a species, Applicants elect the species illustrated in Figure 10, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention includes four embodiments. The first of these embodiments is represented by claims 34-44, a second of these embodiments is represented by claims 51-52 and 70-71, a third of these embodiments is represented by claim 62-67, and a fourth of these embodiments is represented by claims 54 and 72-73. Applicants

respectfully submit that the first three embodiments differ in the form of the connection from the outside of the housing to the electro-magnetic component. The fourth embodiment deals with a connector/plug being attached to the housing. Applicants further respectfully submit that Figures 8-10 illustrate three different sub-embodiments of this fourth embodiment. Accordingly, if the Examiner believes that it is necessary to choose or elect an embodiment in connection with the present invention, Applicants choose the embodiment illustrated in Figures 1-3 including claims 34-44.

Applicants further respectfully submit that claims of the present application are arranged as follows. Claims 34-43, 47-50, 51-52, 62-67, 70, and 72 are generic and apply to all figures. Claims 45-46, 53, and 68-69 are to Figures 4-7, and claim 54 is to Figures 8-10. Applicants further assert that claims 47-50 describe the sub-assembly and are thereby part of all four embodiments.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$110.00 extension fee herewith.

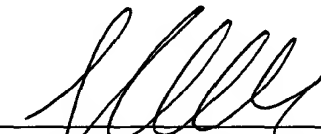
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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